

How to manage that fire!

Or study to suppress it, in *Maureen Catania's* training resource centre

The Victorian County Fire Authority has recently extended the Resource Centre in Fiskville. The centre reflects the all-fire technology curriculum approach of the Training Wing and contains material on fire science, fire suppression and fire management, with a whole range of educational and manage-

ment related subjects.

The collection consists of a wide range of books, journals, pamphlets, articles, reports, newspaper clippings, photographs and kits. A comprehensive film and videotape lending library is also available. Material is available to students either for consultation in the resource centre, or for loan during the period of their stay. Certain material may be loaned off-campus, for example, books and videotapes. Alternatively, those wishing to pursue serious research may wish to come back to the Training Wing on a separate occasion to use the resource centre as the need arises.

There is a card catalogue with computer catalogue searching available and

the information exchange systems ADMIX and SEARCH MAGIC are accessible. It is proposed to provide terminals for Resource Centre and remote access users. Based on this facility it is hoped eventually to offer and information service to the emergency services community as a whole.



Maureen Catania pictured in her Resource Centre

Reviews

A periodical index review by Robert Hyslop

Index To Craft Journals 1989-1990. Beth Hatton (Crafts Council of Australia, 414-418 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010. Tel: (02) 241 1701, Fax: (02) 211 1443. 1992, 312 pp, rrp \$110 plus \$8 p&c in Australia; \$15 p&c o/s).

This comprehensive index to 71 craft periodicals published in Europe, North America and Australia in 1989-1990, is in its third edition, earlier issues covering journals since 1979.

A high-quality product, the book takes its place with other Australian periodical indexes and bibliographies such as *Australian Public Affairs Information Service (APAIS)*, and *Australian Criminology Database (CINCH)*.

It is arranged in four sequences, namely: *Authors*; *Personal Subjects* (the person written about); *Corporate Subjects* (the craft group or the institution described); *Subject Headings* (the content of the article, organised in five categories: Product, Material, Technique, Concept and Geographical Location with cross references).

It is easy to find biographical information on crafts people, studio names and trademarks, articles by specific authors or information on specific craft subjects.

Could the Index be presented even better? Unlike APAIS, it repeats entries under appropriate headings rather than having a master listing and then referring the reader to that list. The Index is therefore longer than it would be under the APAIS style. This adds to the cost but makes it easier to use.

Normally reviewers are highly critical of works of non-fiction which lack an index. In this case, where the book actually is an index, this reviewer can offer nothing but congratulations on a fine professional job. ■

Credit transfer arrangements in library and information studies

An update from the AVCC on Anne Hazell's story in *inCite 8* (p14)

Through the AVCC Credit Transfer Project, the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (with funding assistance from DEET) is developing national credit transfer arrangements in a range of fields of study, in order to assist students transferring between universities, or from TAFE to universities, and seeking credit for their prior studies. One of the fields of study in which minimum levels of credit will be piloted in 1994-95 is Library and Information Studies.

Under the pilot scheme, students who have a relevant and completed Associate Diploma (whether in a university or TAFE), or partly completed degree studies, in the same or a comparable field of study, will be granted min-

imum credit for their prior studies, when admitted to a Library and Information Studies degree course.

The recommendations for the pilot scheme were developed by a Reference Group, chaired by Professor John Levett of Monash University and including, in addition to other university members, representative/s of Australian Library and Information Association and of TAFE.

Details of the pilot schemes, including a list of participating universities, are available from universities, from State/Territory university admission centre and from Dr Anthony P Haydon, Director, Credit Transfer Project, PO Box 119, Rundle Mall Adelaide SA 5000. Tel (08) 2231855, fax (08)2326405. ■

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